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True Friend to the Cause.

By mistake a farmer had got aboard a car reserved for a party of Princeton graduates, who were returning to their alma mater for some special event. There was a large quantity of refreshments on the car, and the farmer was allowed to join the others. Finally someone asked him: "Are you an alumnus?" "No," said the old man, earnestly, "but I believe in it."—Harper's Magazine.

Wrong Guess.

A teacher was giving to her class an exercise in spelling and defining words: "Thomas," she said to a curly-haired little boy, "spell 'ibex.'" "I-b-e-x." "Correct. Define it." "An ibex," answered Thomas, after a prolonged mental struggle, "is where you look in the back part of the book when you want to find anything that's printed in the front of the book."—Christian Register.

**Singularity of Life.**  
I find nothing so singular in life as this: that everything opposing appears to lose its substance the moment one actually grapples with it.—Hawthorne.

#### NEW USE FOR SUBMARINE.

An American inventor has found a new use for the busy submarine in the gathering of shellfish from the sea bottom. The apparatus most generally in use at present consists of a dredge fitted with a rake and a mesh bag, which trails along the seabed and gathers in oysters and other shellfish. The weakness of the system lies in the fact that it crushes and kills many oysters and soft-shelled clams. The oyster-gathering submarine dives to the bottom, rakes up the oysters by a special device and automatically washes them and shoots them through pipes into the cargo room. The process has been likened to the reaping of a field of grain swath by swath.

#### STRANGE APPENDAGE.

"That's a funny kind of a cottage that Elmira's rich husband has built."

"Why so?"

"She was a-tellin' me that it's got a grudge in the back and a portico chair at the side."

#### THEIR DRAWBACK.

"There is one difficulty about joy rides."

"What is that?"

"Most of them are taken on the trouble wagon."

#### THE PLAN OF OPPOSITES.

"What is the best way to get some hard cash?"

"Get hold of some soft thing."

#### A SUBSTITUTE.

"This scene actually takes one's breath away."

"Then it must be a blessing to the men who go out between the acts."

#### THE REGULAR PROCESS.

"Some sneak thieves got in my house and stole my best rug."

"And then what?"

"Then they beat it."

**Amphibious Devilfish.**  
In Japan devilfish weighing up to 200 pounds are sometimes caught. These fish are amphibious; they are often seen wabbling on their tentacles like giant spiders, in search of patches of sweet potatoes.

#### Japanese Cotton Industry.

The export of cotton piece goods from Japan has greatly increased since the war, according to the British consul at Osaka. The mills are reported to have made a big profit in the sale of shirtings and drills. From May, 1915, the diminution in stocks in Shanghai created a demand for Japanese goods, which increased steadily during the year. The mills, however, adopting the view that prices would go higher, showed no anxiety to push sales. This attitude appears to have been justified by results. It is reported that at the beginning of 1916 the mills were in the comfortable position of having sold their output for six months ahead, and there is a general impression that the position thus gained in the cotton piece goods markets of China and India is one which will be held.

#### Cat's Daily Lunch a Snake.

Evidently considering a day incomplete unless it includes a lunch on snake meat, a cat belonging to Charles Shultz has set a record for snake catching. The Shultz residence, which is near the Indian school grounds, has been a center for snakes recently. About a week ago the cat brought in a two-foot copperhead in his mouth, and after it had been killed by a member of the family lunched off the choice portions.

Three snakes were caught on subsequent days by the animal, and the other day he worked overtime, securing two.—Carlisle (Pa.) dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

#### Birds Silenced Fire Siren.

For many weeks residents of Oakbrook, part of the annexed Cumru section, have wondered what ailed the new patent air siren on the roof of the firehouse. The whistle would not sound.

The mystery was solved when City Electrician Weller found a bird had built a big nest in the mouth of the horn, effectually choking off the sound. The bird and her family had to move.—Reading (Pa.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

#### Caught Knaping.

The next time Billy Sunday calls on the Star, we hope he doesn't drop in at the unheard of hour of eleven o'clock in the evening. We always hasten to greet distinguished visitors, but when they come in the middle of the night like that, we want to be notified so we can be on hand.—Kansas City Star.

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#### Bad for Doctor.

Mrs. Nexdoor—"How is old Mr. Moneybags this morning?" Mrs. Sharpeye—"I haven't heard; but I noticed that Doctor Bigfee looked very gloomy when he left the Moneybags residence a little while ago." Mrs. Nexdoor—"Ah, then the old gentleman is getting well."

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